

2018 HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS TODAY! (JUNE 1ST – NOVEMBER 30TH) For Immediate Release- June 1, 2018

Today is the beginning of hurricane season. The NOAA Climate Prediction Center has forecast a 40% chance that the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season will be a near normal season and a 35% chance of an above normal season. They also predict that 10 - 16 named storms could be in our future, of which 5-9 are expected to become hurricanes and 1-4 of those are expected to become major hurricanes of category 3 or higher.



2018 Atlantic tropical cyclone names. (NOAA)

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, elected officials and our partners continue to prepare for whatever this hurricane season will bring our way, but it's also your responsibility to prepare yourself and your family for when a disaster strikes.

Start preparing now for a hurricane or tropical storm. Below are a few tips to get you started. For more ways to be prepared and lists of emergency preparedness supplies, severe weather updates, road closures and emergency information visit our website www.mctxoem.org.

- Restock your emergency supply kit, if you don't have one; start one today
- Make a plan and discuss your plan with your family.
- Review your insurance and make adjustments where necessary.

For help and information on preparing for disasters, download our preparedness app **ReadyMCTX** to your mobile device.

To receive emergency alerts to your phone or email from Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, register at http://www.mc911.org/page/ecd.AlertMCTX. When you are creating your profile, you must check the box next to **Share my Smart911 Profile** with **TX-Montgomery-County-911 to support emergency preparedness.**

Stay informed and monitor conditions for Montgomery County and the surrounding area on the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website www.mctxoem.org, Facebook, or twitter, NOAA Weather Radio, KStar 99.7FM.

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